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Finance Committee Minutes 02/23/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 2/23/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey	Dunn*	O'Neill	Mahoney*
DeCourcey	Connors*	Simmons		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Paul Beyer

MINUTES of 2/14/05 approved. Unanimous.

TRANSFER: Request from Manager for \$9500 to select Fire Chief via ÒSole Assignment CenterÓ Civil Service procedure. Howard to request info.

TRANSFER: Request from Clerk for \$8000 to cover a budget overrun caused by extra overtime associated w/ elections. Portion due to under budgeting longevity presented. DuBois to get details on overtime activity.

ART58(56)* APPROPRIATION BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE: After some discussion, Article tabled pending feedback from Planning Director.

ART57(55) APPROPRIATION SPY POND WEED TREATMENT: Members said this is necessary maintenance. Members liked presentation on 2/14. VOTED \$20,000 as requested. Unanimous.

ART33(36) COMMITTEE ON FISCAL REORGANIZATION: Various concerns expressed. A CFO would bring too much power to Manager & BOS. No immediate savings. Possible unstated agendas. Others thought such reviews should be carried out from time to time. FinCom will not report.

ART(53) APPROPRIATION TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Members expressed confidence in the committee. VOTED to approve rolling over unexpended funds (expected to be about \$17k) to FY06. UNANIMOUS.

ART24 ALLOW ALTERNATIVE FINCOM APPOINTMENTS Recruiting in some pct. has been very difficult. This change to the Town Manager act would address this problem. Members stated that having fewer than 21 members is not serious. Broad representation is important.

BUD10 CLERK: GenGov Sub Com (Howard) requested reconsideration of vote taken 2/14 to correct longevity. VOTED \$212448. Unanimous.

BUD13B CONCOM: GenGov Sub Com (Howard) suggested offsetting this budget w/ the fee fund (currently about \$2900). Concern raised that applying permit fees to salary might distort judgments made on permits. Perhaps fees (which can only be spent on wetlands) could be applied to weed treatment. Also the usual revolving fund article is in the Warrant. Howard to find out which approach is preferred by the Manager.

BUD13 PLANNING: GenGov Sub Com (Howard) recommended approval as printed. Members concerned that this important office remains understaffed despite an unfilled but budgeted position. Howard to request clarification on the Manager's policy.

BUD14 REDEVELOPMENT: GenGov Sub Com (Howard) recommended approval as printed. VOTED \$407,851 12-0-1.

BUD26 RESERVE FUND: VOTED \$300,000. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Next meeting on Wed 3/2. Manager will attend.

Peter B Howard Secretary 2/25/05

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*Article numbering: ART # in 2/23 draft (# in 2/14 draft)